



**Town of Edenton
TREE COMMITTEE
February 19, 2023
3:30 p.m.
Town Council Chambers**

The Edenton Tree Committee met in regular session on Monday, February 19, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Chairman John Morehead, Ellen Colodney, William Ahearn, Susan Inglis, Rick Naccara and Flint Harding (via Zoom). Also present was Assistant Town Manager Dewayne Whealton, Landscape Supervisor Tosh Towe, and North Carolina Forest Ranger Anthony Desocio.

Mr. Morehead called the meeting to order. The December minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

Mr. Whealton presents the printed copies of the brochures.

Mr. Morehead calls for old business; Tree Walk brochure presented by Mr. Ahearn.

Mr. Ahearn discusses the proposed signs, dimensions, and their potential locations. Mr. Ahearn states that he installed a prototype of the signs on his property.

Mr. Morehead states that the committee should see how the prototype sign is installed and decide if to move forward.

Ms. Colodney adds discussion under old business about tree surrounds and the S. Broad Street trees.

She gave an update of the meeting she had with Town Manager Corey Gooden.

The tree committee discusses the S. Broad Street trees, tree grates versus pour in place, suspended pavement, and ADA compliance.

Ms. Colodney discusses trees planted underneath powerlines.

Mr. Ahearn asks about the trees that were taken down at the High School project.

Mr. Whealton explains that they were removed to put in a geothermal system.

Mr. Whealton presents to the tree committee that the town Tree City USA for 2023 and the 45th year. He also states that the town received the Growth Award for the second year in a row, for a total of seven in the history of the award.

Mr. Whealton requests that the tree committee discuss location of Arbor Day 2024.

The tree committee discusses potential locations.

Mr. Whealton displays the sample tree inventory.

Mr. Naccara discusses the davie poplar tree and how it could fit into Arbor Day 2024.

Ms. Inglis states that she emailed a link to how to get the davie poplar seedling

Ms. Inglis states that she would like suggests the area of Morris Circle and Hawthorne/Stratford Road. She also states that N. Broad between Virginia and Paradise Road, could use some trees.

Ms. Inglis states that she needs to look at some places and discuss at next meeting.

Mr. Morehead moves onto the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Morehead states that he received an email from Hal Murray about where he thinks trees should be planted.

The committee discusses the email and the space that can be planted in Colonial Park to replace a live oak.

Mr. Morehead asks if Ms. Inglis, Ms. Colodney, Mr. Desocio, and Mr. Towe could be part of a subcommittee to discuss the replanting.

They stated that they would meet after the meeting.

Mr. Morehead asks Mr. Desocio if he could hold his educational component until next month because of time.

Mr. Desocio stated yes.

Mr. Morehead ask for anything else to be considered. Hearing none, meeting adjourned.